

to which specific written objection has been made” by any party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). “But, where no timely objection has been made, the district court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record to accept the R&R.” *Barcroft Media, Ltd. v. Fashion in Me Inc.*, 16 Civ. 7574, 2018, WL 4568727, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. July 25, 2018);

WHEREAS, Petitioner raises several arguments that do not satisfy the specificity requirement. Petitioner asserts, without further explanation, that the decision to proceed as a bench trial and the use of an interpreter violated his constitutional right to a fair trial and that he received constitutionally ineffective assistance. ECF No. 26 at 1-2. Petitioner also states in conclusory fashion that there has been a “fundamental miscarriage of justice,” that he was “prejudice[d]” and that his right to a speedy trial was violated. *Id.* As these are not “specific written objection(s)” they do not raise the need for *de novo* review. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P 72(b); *George v. Professional Disposables Int’l, Inc.*, 221 F. Supp. 3d 428, 434 (S.D.N.Y. 2016) (stating that a “one-sentence objection to the Report’s . . . finding lacks the specificity necessary for the Court to review this finding de novo).

WHEREAS, Petitioner raises a specific written objection to the denial of his request for appointment of a Special Master. ECF No. 26 at 2-4. Petitioner’s April 30 request for the appointment of a Special Master alleges that Petitioner is the “victim of a criminal conspiracy” to cover-up the misconduct of a court reporter, which caused years of delay in his appeal and the miscarriage of justice. *See* ECF No. 22 at 1-5. However, as the Report & Recommendation correctly notes “[t]hese claims are unsubstantiated” and Petitioner “has presented no evidence that there was a conspiracy to cover up [the court reporter’s] misconduct.” ECF No. 23 at 23-24. Accordingly, there is no basis for the appointment of a Special Master. It is hereby

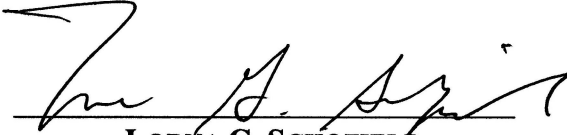
ORDERED that the Report & Recommendation is ADOPTED IN FULL. The petition is

DISMISSED, the motion for an evidentiary hearing is DENIED and the request for the appointment of a Special Master is DENIED. It is further

ORDERED that the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(A), as Petitioner has not “made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this Order to the Petitioner.

Dated: January 9, 2020
New York, New York



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE